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Senator Roger Kahn, MD
Senate Appropriations Committee, Chair
Capitol Building
Lansing, MI

Dear Senator Kahn,

I writing to urge you and your committee to approve a supplemental emergency-appropriation of up to \$2.5 million to the City of Saginaw School District. The Saginaw City School District, already working hard to restructure their budget, was hit with the unexpected and extraordinary costs associated with the dissolution of the Buena Vista School District.

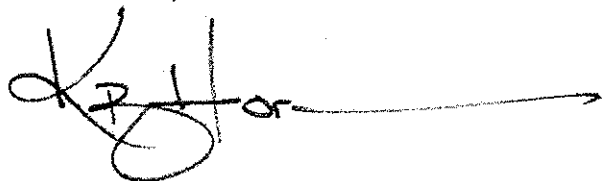
The additional insurance liability costs, the cost of utilities, security costs, the general cost of maintenance, as well the costs of transportation with the expanded district was thrust upon the school without an appropriate funding stream. Until such time that the foundational funding, through student population growth, meets the needs of this untimely consolidation, this emergency should draw the attention of Lansing leaders.

In addition, I am asking directly that the Saginaw City School District continues to receive funding at its current per pupil level. As I write this letter the Saginaw Public Schools adopted a School Board plan to substantially restructure the district and its budget.

These are, indeed, some extraordinary times and the district is working hard to meet all of the requirements of the Michigan Department of Education. Mr. Chairman, I encourage you reach out to the Board of Education to stay their decision as the City of Saginaw Public Schools begin to implement their recovery plan and as it properly implements a consolidation plan that was put upon them by the dissolution of a neighboring school district.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most sincerely

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Kenneth B. Horn
Former State Representative
Saginaw County Resident